

**Twelfth Annual/Business Meeting  
Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc.  
Thursday, June 19, 2013  
6 PM**

**Philip and Christine Lodewick home at 88 Gurleyville Road, Mansfield**

**Minutes**

**1) Call to Order and Welcome**

President Philip Lodewick called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. Mr. Lodewick thanked the members for their great support. He referred to an update on the Mansfield Downtown Partnership and Storrs Center in the Annual Report which had been placed on attendees' chairs. Mr. Lodewick recognized the Town of Mansfield and the University of Connecticut for their on-going support.

Mr. Lodewick asked for a motion to change the order of the agenda to move the "Update on the University of Connecticut" to the "Public Comment" portion of the Agenda and move "Public Comment" to the end of the meeting. Henry Krisch made such a motion. Rich Schwab seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**2) Update on the University of Connecticut – President Susan Herbst**

Mr. Lodewick welcomed and introduced University of Connecticut President Susan Herbst. President Herbst recognized Mr. Lodewick and the Partnership members for their vital role in bringing Storrs Center to fruition. She said that a vibrant downtown is critical to a university's success.

President Herbst said there are a few large areas where she and the University have been focusing their time. One is student success. She said the qualifications of the incoming University students are the best ever.

President Herbst said the University is placing focus into research and economic development through the Next Generation Connecticut program. The University will work closely with the town of Mansfield on this 10 year program to manage its growth effectively. President Herbst recognized Rich Schwab in the audience for his leadership on the University Academic Committee to implement the Next Generation Connecticut program with faculty and students.

A further priority is to increase philanthropy at the University. President Herbst said the goal is to significantly increase the endowment and she noted UConn's place compared with its peers.

Harry Birkenruth asked about whether there were plans to go to a trimester system. President Herbst said the summer is traditionally a good time for faculty to conduct research. She does not anticipate a change at this time.

President Herbst said UConn has worked hard to beautify the campus and this was met with acknowledgment from the audience. She said it is important to invest in the campus so others will want to invest in the University.

Peter Millman asked about the future of the Depot campus. President Herbst said there were no plans for significant changes to the Depot campus right now.

Mr. Lodewick thanked President Herbst again and congratulated her for her great job.

**3) Approval of Minutes from Annual Meeting – June 14, 2012**

Ted Yungclas made a motion to approve the June 14, 2012 minutes. Mr. Krisch seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**4) Election of Directors to the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc., Board of Directors**

Steve Bacon, a member of the Nominating Committee, said the Committee was recommending Mona Friedland and Shamim Patwa to serve on the Partnership Board as Frank McNabb and Kristin Schwab's terms were ending. Ms. Friedland and Ms. Patwa are being recommended for three year terms. Mr. Bacon asked if there were any nominations from the Floor. Hearing none, Chris Kueffner made a motion to elect Mona Friedland and Shamim Patwa to three-year terms on the Board of Directors until June 30, 2016. Ron Schurin seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Mr. Bacon said the Board will benefit from Ms. Friedland and Ms. Patwa's expertise and vitality.

Mr. Bacon also thanked the members for their support and noted that the work they do for the Partnership is very important to its success.

**5) Recognition of Board Members**

Mr. Lodewick recognized outgoing Board members Frank McNabb and Kristin Schwab for their excellent years of service. They both served six full years on the Board and were key contributors to the Partnership. A framed photo of Storrs Center and Sweet Emotions Candy Store candy was presented to Mr. McNabb and Ms. Schwab.

Mr. Lodewick recognized the UConn Co-op under the direction of Bill Simpson, Wilcox & Reynolds under owner Mike Gergler, and Windham Hospital under the administration of CEO Steve Larcen, for their major support of the Partnership.

**6) Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**7) Adjourn**

Hearing no other business, a motion was made by Mr. Schurin and seconded by Mr. Kueffner to adjourn. The motion was approved and the Annual Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.